

**The Touch of the Lord** (Luke 8:41-42; 49-56)

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## The Touch of the Lord (Luke 8:41-43, 49)

The relatively short time I have pastored there have been very few things that I have dreaded. I don't dread preaching or singing, praying, or preparing or talking to people, or trying to help them or share their burdens. But there is one thing that I do dread and that is having to console some parents upon the death of a child. There is just something unnatural about the death of a child. Here in our texts we have a father that is faced with the harsh reality that death is no respecter of person. In a desperate attempt to divert the inevitable Jairus seeks out the Lord Jesus and though he is delayed and apparently too late to do any thing, we find the touch of the divine makes all the difference in the world. The same is true with our lives, our families and our churches. We need the touch of Jesus. And just like Jairus, we can all see God's touch in our lives by following the 3 instructions found in this account.

I. Face The Truth This Man Saw - From the Gospel accounts we can not truly conceive what was ailing this little girl but it was serious and worsening by the minute. It is difficult to stand in as a personal example



or church situation deteriorates. Is that what you see?

**A. A Serious Decline** - vs 42 This beloved daughter is said to lay a dying. Maybe it started with a small fever. Then chills and sweat. Mother thinks, well fever will break by morning. But morning brought weakening condition, heavy breathing. Is that what we are seeing in our Church? We've been telling ourselves it will get better. Things will turn around. But they haven't. Mother is that what you tell yourself about your son or daughter. What about your spiritual growth. Will you get back on track? Face it!

**B. A Sure Death** - Although Jairus was a synagogue ruler and not a doctor, he could see where this was going. Unless there was a supernatural intervention, this precious member of his household was going to die! A permanent point of no return. I'm not a pessimist, I like being positive, but our little body is one good church dispute away from falling apart. One good argument, one set of hurt feelings. Are you on the verge of complete <sup>spiritual</sup> collapse? Family hanging on by a thread?

## **II. The Task This Man Sought**

If his little girl was going to die, Jairus was not content to just sit there and let it happen. vs 41 he, casting all pride aside, threw himself at the feet of Jesus

1) ...see it do <sup>we</sup> ~~you~~ care enough to cast <sup>our</sup> ~~your~~ my four and no more attitude out the window and fling your self into a seeking God to do the miraculous mode.

2) ...lie out on the floor and beg God for something that only he can do!

3) ...presence in our lives. **One author wrote:** *We sing our songs, but we do not truly worship, because we lack His touch. We preach our sermons, but the people leave unchanged, because there is no touch. We need the song* in our mouths to be the one of old: All is vain unless the Spirit, Of the Holy One comes down, Brethren, pray, and holy manna, Will be showered all around



If we will open our eyes to the need and see it done 11

**A. A Desperately Sought Task** - Try to picture this in your mind: Jairus as a ruler of the synagogue has a higher standing in the community than most, well off. More than likely before this situation disagreed with Jesus. And now falling in the dirt at Jesus feet. No matter your wealth or community standing a life + death trial, a hopeless situation can bring our world to a halt and place us, begging God to work the impossible. When was the last time you God desperate enough to lie out of place?

**B. A Decisively Sought Task** - When you trace the other gospel accounts of this scene you will find that Jairus was not general about what he wanted Jesus to do. He didn't beat around the bush, Vs 41 came to His house. Matthew adds "lay His hand upon her" Very instructive: We need God to show up at our house. From the house of the Law to the house of our living! Is he outside like Rev 3 Knocking! Also we need him to touch 3

**C. A Touch of His Power and Presence in our Lives** - We need a touch of his power and presence in our lives. **III. The Touch this man Celebrated**

After an interruption, they resumed the trip only to receive word in Vs 41 that she was dead. The situation can not get any worse. It can't get any further gone



them that. But the words of the Lord Jesus vs 50

#### A. The Touch of the Lord - vs 51.

"And when came into the House." praise God he showed up. He's on the scene.

52-53 There were some scornful some nay-sayers. "Why this situation is too far gone." "What are you getting so worked up about?" But when it's your spiritual livelihood, your marriage, your child, your church, it's no laughing matter. You see the people calling for Jesus was the minority in the room and yet he showed up brandishing the touch of God. It doesn't even

#### B. The Touch of Life - vs 54-55

What a wonderful change! When they came in there were tears of sorrow - when they went out doubtless there were tears of Joy. She was made alive! There was activity she sat up. There was a response where there was once lifelessness. Also there was a desire. Jesus commanded to bring food to the child. There was a yearning for nourishment. The Touch of Life can come into our house and cause a stir of spiritual response created a

IV. Closing - This account points us to that which is most near and dear to our hearts. That which is personally close and dying. What is it in your life?

1) Luke 8:50 ...Fear not: believe only, and she shall be made whole. Don't lose hope. Because you've got access to the peace speaking, devil destroying, disease delivering and death defeating Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ!

2) ...It doesn't even have to be all of us. Praise God. I wouldn't ask that much of a Baptist church. If a minority will even shamelessly petition the Him, he'll show!

3) ...create a desire for essential nourishment.